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Examiner: MITRA, Rita

Case: FJ 122

Applicant(s): Marina Vrljic, et al.
Serial No.: 09/105,117
Filing Date: 17/06/98

Art Unit: 1653

Title: PROCESS FOR THE MICROBIAL PRODUCTION OF AMINO ACIDS
BY BOOSTED ACTIVITY OF EXPORT CARRIERS

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Mailstop DAC

November 19, 2003

Sir:

This is a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner's final rejection of claims 1-8, 10-20, 43 and 46-48 of the above-identified application dated 05/20/03.

The fee of \$ 330.00 for filing the Notice of Appeal should be charged to deposit account No. 500465.

Enclosed is a petition for an extension of time, by three month, to respond to the the Examiner's final rejection dated 05/20/03 so that the new deadline is 11/20/03.

It is noted that Applicant has filed an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 on 08/14/03, but that the Examiner has not responded inspite of some tel. reminders by the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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